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1. [redacted] a decree issued by the Director General, Railroads, Berlin, on 12 November 1952;

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General, Railroads, Berlin, on 12 November 1952; a decree issued by the Director in connection with the planned electrification of the railroad system in central Germany, an "Oberste Bauleitung fuer Elektrifizierung" (Supreme Construction Headquarters for Electrification) (OBE) will be established, retroactive 1 September 1952. The OBE will have its seat in Halle and in personnel matters will be assigned to the Halle regional railroad headquarters. Technical directives will be given to the OBE by agencies of the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin. The OBE will be charged with the working out of designs, the execution of the entire electrification program and later with the maintenance of all installations required for the operation of electrified railroad lines.<sup>1</sup> As the work of the OBE will extend over several railroad districts, the establishment of several construction headquarters will be required. However, the formation of such special construction headquarters requires the approval of the Director General, Railroads. A construction headquarters for the Muldenstein power station will also be formed. For personnel matters, this headquarters will be assigned to the Halle regional railroad headquarters but it will receive its technical directives from the OBE.<sup>2</sup>

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2. [ ] the entire park of damaged locomotives will be checked with a view to determining, which of the locomotives will have to be scrapped and which of them can still be repaired. Commissions established for the Berlin, Dresden and Cottbus railroad districts have been charged with this work. In order to complete the inspections required by 1953, additional commissions will be established immediately in the Erfurt, Greifswald, Halle, Magdeburg, and Schwerin railroad districts.<sup>3</sup>

3. [redacted] the following quotas were established for locomotive repair work at railroad repair shops during November 1952:

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Railroad Repair Shop	Number of Locomotives to Be Repaired							Total
	Damage Category							
	L0	L2	L2K	L3	L4	L4G	EI	
Tempelhof		7	5	8	3	2		25
Cottbus		7	8	11	10		1	37
Chemnitz		7	8	10	10		2	37
Schlauroth		2	2	9	2			15
Zwickau		7	7	10	18		3	45
Meiningen		8	2	10	11		3	34
Halle		8	8	7	10		3	36
Leipzig		10	6	15	7		3	41
Blankenburg		2	3	6	2			13
Stendal		19	6	4	28		3	60
Wittenberge		1	2	5	6		2	16
Total		78	57	95	107	2	20	359

1. Comment. The plan envisages the electrification of 1,000 km of trackage, predominantly in the Halle railroad district. The re-electrification of the Magdeburg-Halle, Magdeburg-Dessau-Bitterfeld-Leipzig and Halle-Leipzig railroad lines will be given priority. According to unconfirmed information, work on the re-electrification of the Magdeburg-Dessau line was started in early July 1952.

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2. Comment. The railroad-owned Muldenstein power station was dismantled by the Soviets. Its equipment has in the meantime been returned from the U.S.S.R. Work on the reconstruction of the power station has been started.

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3. Comment. On 1 October 1952, the park of damaged locomotives included 606 state-owned locomotives, 938 foreign-owned locomotives and 4 narrow-gauge locomotives. The parking of all these damaged locomotives is a heavy strain on railroad parking facilities. The previous decree which prohibited a scrapping of state-owned locomotives was eased in late July 1952. The report indicates that more effective measures for the reduction of the park of damaged locomotives are to be taken.

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4. Comment. In October, a total of 337 locomotives was scheduled to be repaired. However, only 224 locomotives were actually repaired. It therefore appears that the production quota fixed for November will not be fulfilled.

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